

## The Community Council for the Royal Burgh of Forres

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 7.00 pm via MS Teams

**Secretary:** Community Councillor Jo Lenihan | **Email:** info@forrescc.co.uk

Attendees		Apologies
CC Fiona Graham	Chair	CC Kenny Shand (KS)
CC Graham Murdoch (GM)	Treasurer	CC Michael Walker (MW)
CC Frank Byrne		CC Alan Tissiman (AT)
CC Lesley Edwards (LE)		
CC Steve Ferris (SF)		MC Cllr Claire Feather
CC John Innes (JI)		MC Cllr Aaron Mclean
CC David Parker (DP)	Vice Chair	
CC Jo Lenihan (JL)	Secretary	<b>Members of the Public in attendance</b>
MC Cllr George Alexander		
MC Cllr Lorna Creswell		
Insp Tony McCullie	Police Scotland	
Garry McCartney	Forres Gazette	
Fiona Herd	Moray Council	

Item	Discussion	Action
1.	<b>Welcome and apologies:</b>	
2.	<p><b>Community Safety Report:</b></p> <p>Insp Mccullie outlined incidents from CSP Report No 51. Report of a child knocked down at Kinloss. Driver traced and charged. Police are working with MC to look at potential solutions. A security event was held in Forres (appointment only) which was fully subscribed. Hope to hold similar events in the future. Maintaining a visible presence where youths congregate and will be stepping up patrols in school holidays to engage with youths. Covid easing – working with licenced premises which has been well received and most premises are being well run.</p> <p>Questions/comments:            GM – work with youths and ASB seems to be paying off. Michelle (Police Scot) and Sylvia Jamieson (MC) working together on this.            FB – lot of reports of inquisitive individuals asking about certain types of vehicles in town on Facebook – are Police aware? <i>Insp McCullie confirmed they were aware of individuals asking about caravans and motorhomes. Any suspicious activity should be reported to police on 101 and they will attend as soon as feasible.</i></p>	



8.	<b>Chair's report</b> Dr Gray's Public Empowerment Group – looking at what services and issues are faced by patients and easing Covid restrictions to feed back to NHSG board. No HC meeting so will update on this next time.	
9..	<b>Treasurer's report</b> Balance of £2518.90. DD for £35 for Data Protection. Admin grant £647.48 received. Credit Union fund of £164.93. Still have £300 from SSEN to use.	
10.	<b>Secretary's report</b> Certificate from ICO received.	
11.	<b>Community Councillor Group and Representatives' Reports</b> GM – meeting with Sylvia Jamieson and mountain bikers. Existing jumps to be removed and plan to be developed for a new area. This partnership working will ensure the track is what bikers want. Sylvia is working with Fraser McGillvray on a way forward for Hells Hole – there is lots of work but shortage of volunteers. Biggest challenge is identifying trees/plants as volunteers do not have knowledge of plants/trees or woodland management expertise so Sylvia to get someone to advise on this. ASB seems to have abated through police engaging with youngsters – seem more responsive when Police not in uniform. Encouraging to see progress with youngsters taking on board advice and not being destructive. Mosset Burn – meeting with James Hunter and Sylvia to get background on situation, problems and how to move forward. MC resources limited but will be involved in discussions. Initially looking at work from railway to Bay and then Sanquhar with middle section last. Meeting with riparian owners and Bob Laughton to come up with plan/timetable for this. Cllr Alexander asked if bikers are aware of tracks/jumps in Sanquhar? GM confirmed these are for youngsters and beginners. The Cluny Hill bikers are experienced and looking for something more challenging. LE – still telephone befriending. Visits Sanquhar pond every week and notes that the youngsters are careful and polite. Hope to be back in Town Hall in September.	
12.	<b>Moray Councillor's Reports</b> a) Cllr Alexander – awaiting news on education and results in August. Informed meeting of consultation for Forres opening on 13 August on how to spend £51K of developer obligations which is earmarked for Forres community facilities. Of interest although Highland Hospice charity shop is in Forres residents of Moray not eligible to access their services! Do not see Covid restrictions changing as numbers going up again even though only 1 in Moray at this time. b) Cllr Creswell – film night meeting next week to resume plans. Elgin/Buckie setting up collection points for Credit Union. Site visits taking place for potential skate park and synthetic pitches. Fairer Moray Forum meeting tomorrow and aiming for event in October.	
13.	<b>Forthcoming Events</b> a. Transition Town Forres AGM 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 6.30 pm via zoom. Send link to GM	JL
17.	<b>AOCB:</b> None	
18.	Date of next meeting: Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7.00 pm via MS Teams	